

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's further Office Action of December 22, 2009 issued with respect to the present application, the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment of the claims and the below Remarks

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended to specify that the preferred variable of the information content is determined by utilising a field identity associated with the particular field of the electronic form and a probability value assigned to each of the possible variables of information content within a dictionary associated with the field identity, and that if the determined probability value is below a certain value, the preferred variable is determined by utilising a probability value assigned to each of the possible variables of information content within a dictionary not associated with the field identity. Support for this amendment can be found, for example, at page 7, lines 6-9;

dependent claim 7 is cancelled;

dependent claims 8 and 9 are amended to conform with amended claim 1; and

dependent claims 4-6, 10-14, 17-20 and 22 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the Amendment does not add new matter to the present application.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claims 4-6, 8-14, 17-20 and 22 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by Silverbrook, Seni, Geidl, Sidles, Minkler and Scanlon either considered alone or in view of one another, because Seni merely discloses collecting a list of most likely matches based on each word's probability (see paragraph [0019]) and Geidl specifically discloses that both factoid and bias data lists are searched such that results that don't comply with the factoid for the particular form field are rejected (see paragraph [0040]-[0043] and [0056]), such that no combination of the other cited references with Seni and/or Geidl would determine a preferred variable by utilising a probability value assigned to each of the possible variables of information content within a dictionary not associated with the field identity, if the

determined probability value is below a certain value as is required by the claimed invention.

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,



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